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WORLD'S-1904-FAIR

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day

REMEMBER THE MISSOURI. Hannibal, that energetic town one hundred miles

North, backs up its appreciation with cash. Hannibal is picturesquely situated on the Mississippi River bluffs, and has many claims to distinction, not the least being the fact that it was the birthplace of Mark Twaln. But if proof were needed that picturesqueness and sentimental assoas are not its sole characteristics, the testimony appears in this prompt response in a matter involving the dignity and prestige of Missouri. The Republic asks that other cities of the State follow

Hannibal's example and swell the fund by contributions ranging from \$25 to \$50.

The St. Louis committee, appointed by Mayor Wells, is still busily engaged in gathering subscriptions. The total now is well above \$2,000, a considcrable sum-one which should encourage the effort to place it at \$5,000. The holiday season is here, with its numerous demands upon the purse. Many citizens may be inclined to overlook or to postpone contributing to the battleship fund. Let it be remembered that the sum desired of each individual is very small and that the obligation resting upon residents of the State is very large. The festimonial admittedly is only a sentimentality, but in such manner is expressed that which cannot be too often or too emphatically expressed, a pride in the prestige of State and country. Subscriptions from the various towns or counties at this time will be Missouri's Christmas presents.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MAGAZINE.

Probably no incident of journalism in the West ever provoked the interest and comment which has attended the unique undertaking of this paper in presenting in complete and distinctly individual form a high-class weekly magazine to its readers free of charge. The Republic's Sunday Magazine of last week was even more of a surprise and delight than the initial number, and the flattering statements heard on all sides have amply testified to the public's appreciation and confirmed The Republic's judgment as to the wisdom and propriety of the undertaking-a considerable undertaking, to say the

When the public reflects that the other finely printed magazines are the product of a month's planning and labor and that in the same length of time this paper will produce four magazines of by no means inferior quality it cannot but serve to enhance appreciation of the work. Since last Sunday a great many individual expressions have come to The Republic concerning the attractions of the Magazine; which has been generally compared favorably to the best ten-cent periodicals now current. Certain it is that no magazine surpasses last Sunday's number in pictorial quality, while the writers are among the foremost of the day.

The statement is entirely fair that next Sunday's Republic Magazine excels either of the two preceding numbers. Few works attain their highest excellence at the very outset. A publication, like many another enterprise, has to "strike its guit." Experience overcomes difficulties and improvements are gradual, requiring time.

Mention of a few of next Sunday's literary features will suggest the Magazine's superior attractions. Allen Sangree describes the conditions in the Balkans "where the sword never sleeps," in an article characterized by the charms of personal and intimate experience. The picture accompanying it is a color reproduction of Seymour D. Stone's "Christmas in The Balkans," portraying in rich oils all the horrors of the recent massacres. Herman Whitaker contributes a stirring narrative of ranch life, entitled "The Choice of the Frost." It is illustrated by Artists Zeigler and Peirson.

Clara Morris, the great American actress, has never written more engagingly than in her story of it was rumored, were not specially overjoyed, and the stage, "Seeing Is Believing," which has to do there were hints that possibly the negro guest would with the "Christmas Grand Spectucular Extravaproduced in a country town. The story quite | vent his attendance. Not so. He attended and he

justifies a classification of Miss Morris with the humorists.

W. Bob Holland writes a funny fable-"The Alligator and the Thick Skin." Eugene Wood contributes a boy's story; it has much of the character and verisimilitude of the celebrated "Emmy Lou" stories by another writer, with which it deserves to be classed. "A Drive for Attention's Sake" is a brisk "horsey" tale by the popular magazine writer, Ethel Shackleford. The second of Wallace Irwin's "Fairy Tales Un to Date" in rhyme-relates the climb of an ambitious young man in a "Standard Oil Village." Apropos of a recently widely heralded surgical incident, William Wallace Whitelock perpetrates a prose idyl entitled "The Man With the Borrowed Ear." Several other short stories swell the list. Frank Verbeck's painting, "The Bear Christmas," is reproduced, covering a double page, and several smaller color pictures are included. For a dozen reasons you can't afford to miss next Sun- others. day's Republic Magazine.

BOODLE AND BALLOT.

Because the Missouri Idea typities a great prin ciple of public right it is destined to play a large part in the politics of 1904 throughout the nation. The Missouri Idea applied nationally means a renovation and reconstruction of Federal functions; a destruction of the iniquitous machine influences thrown around those functions; a purification of the governmental atmosphere and environments. It means the rehabilitation of the principle of integrity and disinterestedness in administration; the essen tially and vitally democratic standard of "government for the people."

The spontaneous growth of the national boodle issue has come out of country-wide conditions intimately felt by the population, and understood The people's experience makes for its strength; as an issue it possesses the force of appeal; it is recent; it is live; it grows; it comes home to the individual; it touches profound American convictions. That it is fairly established as an issue must be past cavil to the intelligent eye.

That conditions, the same which forced it, are the more securely fastening it upon the politics of the day cannot be disputed in the face of the daily news. In all parts of the United States frauds are coming to light in the postal service; investigations point to an ugly situation in the Interior Department; military affairs exhibit unwholesome phases; State investigations have brought out a variety of official crimes. The country is erupting, as it were, criminal disclosures. The area of disturbance daily widens. Prosecutions, examinations, investigations increase in number. But the situation, generally speaking, is only yet in the developmental stage.

In viewing the scope and variety of official wrongdoing a sense of perspective and proportion should be preserved. There is by no means a calamity amounting to a plague of dishonesty upon us: the honest official predominates in numbers; officialdom is not fundamentally corrupt; but the indications point to sufficiently grave conditions to warrant a radical cure. They are dark with menace of future evil, unless presently and powerfully treated. Their threatening significance cannot be exaggerated, however comparatively superficial the immediate or present hurt and damage. The publie has a fair realization of the future danger.

The public attitude toward the manifestations of corruption is the big political fact of this time. It will be with a solid opposition to corruption that the people go to the polls to vote on national questions in 1904, and victory will probably be with

Six months or more ago the Republican party put itself upon the defensive. It foresaw the political effects of scandal developments, and Mr. Roosevelt | the moneys he has illegally received for disposing began issuing proclamations for the purpose of ing them. His late remarks subjoin Bristow report and his bribery message are fairly construed as attempts to divest the party of responsibility and to weaken the political import of the revelations. But no amount of such utterances can serve to blind the people to the real position of the party upon the issue or destroy the logic of the situation—the Republican party organization has fostered systematic corruption and nothing can relieve it of the political consequences. Certainly the time remaining until the party shall be called to answer does not permit of reform activities of sufficient magnitude to acquit the party before the people. The sum total result of the entire reform agitation thus far is but a handful of indictmentsvery little upon which to base ponderous party promises.

PURE MILK LAW.

Judge Moore of the Court of Criminal Correction has declared two provisions of the pure-milk law to be unconstitutional. It is his opinion that the requirement for payment of a special license tax by milk purveyors is not fair, and, therefore, cannot be enforced. The provisions concerning the butter-fat test, for determining the quality of milk, he considers unconstitutional for the reason that only one standard for testing is specified.

City Attorney Anderson agrees with the former view, but disagrees with the latter, and he intends to carry the question to the higher courts,

Although abolition of the special license tax would remove revenue intended for the maintenance of milk inspection and enforcement of the ordinance. the tax should be removed if it is a hardship. It may be unfair to make the purveyors pay for milk inspection, and yet there are apparent precedents

for such a law. While the license tax revenue is not indispensa ble, the city cannot impair the efficacy of the law by omitting a provision for a standard of quality in the milk supply. The question raised as to the unconstitutionality of the butter-fat test provision should be forced to a final conclusion by the city. If the provision is defective it should be corrected; and should

be made more effective, if possible, The present law has produced satisfactory results and it should be kept in the code. If it can be improved changes should be made. But it should not be altered in the direction of weakness. It is the city's duty to see that the milk supplied to citizens is pure and wholesome, and the law should be efficient enough to cause the delivery of only that kind of

A RIVAL FLIRTATION.

Senator Hanna has banqueted a colored brother and the fact bids fair to be as widely heralded as

the Roosevelt-Booker Washington luncheon. The fact of the matter is that Hanns is a shrewd politician and will not permit himself to be outdone by anybody; indeed, he is going the President one better. Hanna's was no mere tete-a-tete of two; it was a function. Hanna's guest was leveled, or elevated, as the case might be, to the social plane of a number of gentlemen. Mr. Roosevelt's guests enjoyed equality with but one.

Mr. Roosevelt entertained Mr. Washington quietly. Mr. Hanna's invitations were sent openly. The negro guest was included and other guests might like it or not; it was all one to Hanna. Some of them, discover a previous engagement which would pre-

bore himself with dignity and good grace, as was concerned over the departure of an offended gentleman of the Lily White persuasion.

All of which perhaps indicates that Hanna, too has an eye on the negro delegation and the vote in the close States next year. But it may mean that Hanna will lose caste with the Lily Whites, who espoused his candidacy as against Roosevelt's.

On the whole, though, Mr. Hanna has the more plausible explanation of his conduct. And, on the other hand, his flirtations with the colored vote are subtler. For instance, instead of proclaiming strideatly his championship, he quietly promotes legislatien for the benefit of negroes. Flirting with the negro vote is a most interesting phase of the game. at which Hanna excels. Hitherto Mr. Roosevelt has been counted the only friend of the negro, but the banquet incident will serve to show that there are

HIS PROBABLE MOTIVE.

The man who takes two wives unto his bosom may obtain no grace in the eyes of society. To undertake to love, honor, adore and look acress the breakfast table at one requires some little temerity. But to obligate himself to two at once; that, if there were no question of law or morals involved, would be impolitic, and a thing to be prevented considering the limitations set upon the mere human here

Transgression, however, generally has its seeming reasons. The motives which may actuate the bigamist are admirably illustrated in the case of the fellow Agles, now incarcerated in the city bastile. Each of his two wives brought him a dinner last Sunday.

It is undeniably true that any young man's ad centure into matrimony is apt to mean, after they settle down "all nice and cozy" in the usual flat. biscuits of the "sinker" variety, eggs boiled two minutes instead of four, steaks tough as an old shee, batter cakes that taste like a blanket, potatoes burned to a cinder, or India rubber Welsh rarebit made with that "darling" chafing dish which all the bridesmalds thought "so appropriate."

Now, what is the very obvious idea which would occur to your Benedict under these circumstances? Competition, of course; and possibly that was the very thing which drove Agles to bigamy.

Moral: Don't learn all your cooking in a cooking

Merchants who have petitioned the city for the removal of car tracks from Third and Fourth streets near Franklin avenue have a good cause. The tracks have not been in use for years. They constitute a nuisance. They are obstructions which discommode traffic and are the means of damage to vehicles. As a legal contest is pending with regard to the road, the city may be powerless to grant the petition. But, if the tracks can legally be removed, the city should remove them, or have them removed. Street Commissioner Varrelmann is investigating the location of all surface tracks, used and unused and the administration proposes to get rid of unused tracks and reclaim such right of way. This is a commendable policy and it is to be hoped that no obstacle will intervene to prevent its fulfillment.

A man has invented a device for making a per manent record of telephone conversations. If that thing comes into general use it means more work for the divorce courts and many other embarrassing complications.

Butler, since he holds the garbage contract illegally, will doubtless make a present to the city of of the garbage.

Highwaymen hold up a Kansas Sheriff. The nat ural order always is reversed in Kansas.

RECENT COMMENT

Outdoor Consumption Cure. Doctor Flick in Independent.

At night all the windows in the pavilion are kept open to that the air circulates freely throughout the sleeping apartments. Drafts are disregarded. Ample bed covring is supplied to keep the body warm, and in cold weather bed-warmers are furnished the patients. In The camp life is one of the unique features, but thoroughly enjoyed by the patients. The summer camps amid the trees are near enough to the buildings to allow the latter to be easily reached when the dinner hour comes around. In them congenial groups pass most of the day in chatting, reading or games: the women often busying themselves with needlework or some sort. Each camp represents a little social club, where it is easy to forget one's ills amid the cheerful surroundings.

Planks or boughs fastened to convenient forest trees may form the sides, the trees being used for posts. Usually the southern side is left open, for they are merely intended as shelters in inclement weather, that the inmates are to all intents and purposes in the open air. If warmth is required to make the camp comfortable, a small wood stove or perhaps an open fire place is provided. During the winter months it must not be supposed that the camps are deserted, nor is outdoor recreation abandoned. Patients whose condition will allow them to go into the woods spend much of the time in these shelters, wearing sufficient clothing and wraps to prevent becoming chilled. The exposed side of the but is not closed in winter, and it is often necessary to make a path through the snow to reach them.

Each patient is required to take no less than thre quarts of milk a day and no less than six raw eggs a day, and is advised to take as much more of this kin of food as he can. In addition to this food he is given a good dinner in the middle of the day and a very light breakfast and supper. The dinner consists of roast beef or beefsteak, vegetables, some light dessert, such as pudding, custard, ice cream and fruit. The breakfast consists of some cereal and, in cold weather, but milk or coffee. The supper consists of boiled rice and fruit, cheese, milk and eggs.

Consistent to Retain Him.

Philadelphia Record. Heath says he'll stay on the Republican National Committee. Good! He says there is no reason why he should resign. Neither is there if the National Committee shall discord all disguises and conduct the campaign under the true colors of the Republican party. Perry S. Heath is a typical Republican politician. He repre sents exceptionally well the spirit and purpose of the party, and the Democratic party ought to hope earnestly that he will stay not only till the convention shall meet but till the votes shall be counted in November.

"God's in His Reaven, Etc. Atlanta Constitution.

No use in grievin' When the storm's in sight; Keep on believin' It will all come right. Storm cloud's weaving

Of a rainbow bright-Keep on believin It will all come right!

It Is Surprising. Atlanta Constitution. It beats all how much "personal malice" that man Bristow is accused of holding against honest, faithful, Post-Office Department coworkers.

In Wall Street

Washington Star. Little Jack Horner, he got up a corner. He smiled as he thought of the joke. "I'm a captain of industry if it succeeds And if it does not I am broke."

Washington Post.

bore himself with dignity and good grace, as was to have been expected; and the host seemed un- MISS GOODBAR TO WED DR. BARTON; OTHER HAPPENINGS IN SOCIETY.



MRS. FRANKLIN HARLEE TOWNSEND,

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Keeler, who will spend the winter in Dallas, Tex. The marriage of Miss Lucie Mae Goodmother, Mrs. W. E. Bell, have moved to Lexington, Ky. bar and Doctor Harry Barton will be an event of to-day, taking place this after Miss Eva Jacobson of Little Rock, Ark., oon at 4 o'clock at St. John's Methodist is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. Jacobson, at No. 5125 Fairmont avenue, where it is ex-pected she will stay several weeks. Church. Two little cousins of the bride, Miss Lucle and Miss Marie Rouzer of Norfolk, Tenn., will be the bride's only at

endants, serving as flower girls There will be no reception, merely a dinner served to the wedding party after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goodbar, No. 3613 Cates avenue. At this address the bride and bridegroom will be at home after their honeymoon trip.

MORNING CHORAL CLUB. The Morning Choral Club held its regular weekly meeting yesterday morning. Alfred Ernst conducted a vigorous rehearsal and much interest was manifested in preparations for the coming concert despite the temperature of the Odeon Recital Hall, which was at point low enough to solidify all vocal tones as fast as pro-

Mrs. Adele Lais Baldwin of New York will be a soloist at the February concert, which is to be given on the 3d of that month. One other soloist remains to be

The club has in preparation two Homer

Bartlett choruses, which promise to be received with favor, "Autumn Violets," full of dramatic effects and much melody, and "The Fairies" Slumber Song," very stactato and interesting.

Mrs. Haisey C. Ives urged the club members to take active interest in a concert to be given by their sister chorus, the Kirkwood Morning Choral, on Tuesday evening, December 22 in Kirkwood. The proceeds are to so toward completing the evening, December 22 in Kirkwood. I proceeds are to go toward completing choral hall which this club is erecting.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON.

A birthday luncheon was given by Mrs. Lawrence A. Davis at the new home of her mother, Mrs. Gebhard of Maplewood. Covers were laid for twelve guests, all girl friends of the young matron. The menu cards were dainty and served as souvenirs. After huncheon each guest contributed to a programme of music and

GUESTS AT DANCING PARTY. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Westhus entertained friends on Monday evening at their South Side home. Dancing was enjoyed until 12 o'clock, when supper was served. The

Messieurs and Mesdames

J. G. Ganabi.
Wm. Clement Creveling, Jr.
Wetter and Mrs. O. Conzieman.

Ida Moherly.

Crow.

BOWLING CLUB MEETS The Teutonia Bowling Club held its weekly meeting Monday evening on the a leys at Twenty-second and Montgomery streets. Carl Heerich, the star bowler of the North End, appeared at the meeting, after a long illness, and was congratulated by the members on his return to health. After some spirited bowling, Carl Heerich won the diamond medal, which was offered by the club for the best bowler of the evening. Those present were:

Carl Heerleh,
Chas. Graber,
Chas. H. Schulza,
Robert Bohler,
Otto Peterson,
Wm. Heidbrink,
Geo. Wischmeyer,
Doctor W. T. Hirschl,
E. C. Thake,

VIOLET KERN ENTERTAIN Miss Violet Kern, daughter of Chris Kern of No. 2525 North Grand avenue, entertained her little friends on Monday evening. The house was decorated in au-tumn leaves and violets. Dancing, reci-tations, songs, solos and duets on the piano were the features of a very pleasant evening. Those present were:

Violet Korn.
Violet Korn.
Dorothy Barber.
Bernadett Campbell.
Helen Huhland.
Marguerite Ballinger.
Luella Meyer. Julius Hoemer

Mrs. Eliza B. Collins and family and at the Moser.

POEMS WORTH KNOWING.

CHAUCER.

BY LONGFELLOW.

EOFFRY CHAUCER was the author of the colebrated "Canterbury Tales." Dryden's adaptation of The Character of a Good Par-son" was taken from Chaucer's great work.

An old man in a lodge within a park:

and hound.

sound.

through the dark

The chamber walls depicted all around

With portraitures of huntsman, hawk,

And the hurt deer. He listeneth to the

Of painted glass in leaden lattice bound;

Whose song comes with the sunshine

He listeneth and he laugheth at the

Then writeth in a book like any clerk.

The Canterbury Tales, and his old age

I hear the crowing cock, I hear the note

of lark and linnet, and from every page

Rise odors of plowed field or flowery

Made beautiful with song; and as I read

He is the poet of the dawn, who wrote

Villiams
Great Northern—H. W. Huthsing A. D. Helt,
R. Holland, D. S. Kirby, E. A. Spellman,
L. M. White.
Morrison—Z. M. Brucker, A. S. Rennie,
Saratoga—I. H. Luman, J. O. Waldo,
Palmer House—T. B. Lee, J. R. Young
Grand Pacific—C. H. Adame, J. A. Degrett,
V. H. Moore, M. A. Moriarty,
Kaiserhoff—W. T. Keite, J. S. King, R. L.
ell. Missourians in New York

Miss Tinker and Miss Schnurmacher

will give a luncheon to-day for Miss Isa-

bel Wallace at the Tinker residence in

Longfellow boulevard. Mary Institute

alumni, maioly from the class of the three young ladies, will constitute the guests, to the number of fifty. Miss Williams to the a January bride, her marriage to Charles Piske taking place in that month.

entertain the younger set this evening

with a dance for their daughter, Miss Nellie Crouch.

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Francis are giv-

ing a dance to the school boy and girl set

this evening, in honor of their youngest son, Sidney Francis.

The Misses Hyde are entertaining Mrs.

Mrs. W. E. and Miss Flora Layton of

David L. Solomon will give a ball at the

Mrs. Lizzie Priest Leland will give a

piano recital of classic music at an early date.

Mrs. L. Newman of New York is visiting

St. Louis and is stopping at Hotel Beers.

Doctor and Mrs. Theodore Conzelman

have as their guest Captain James Lang-

The Unique Club was organized at the

home of Mrs. R. E. Lee of Blaine avenue

Friday evening. Those present were: Mr.

and Mrs. L. V. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. A.

Arkansas are guests at Hotel Beers.

Columbian Club on Christmas Eve.

Henry Stauffer of Pittsburg.

New York, Dec. 15 .- Among the arrivals at the hotels here to-day were the following Missourians:

-James M. Byrne of Fort Worth, Tes

-Walter S. Halliwell of Kansas City to a

-Walter S. Dickey of Kansas City is at the

At Chicago Hotels.

registered at hotels here to-day are as fol-

Auditorium-H M. Blossoss, Mrs. R. P. Crabb, H. N. Davis, Mrs. J. J. Cross, R. Hitchsock, E. G. Lavin, A. G. Robyn, E.

Briggs-B. W. Barnard, R. Gordon, J. A. Williams.

r-Clifton-W. F. Haley, Miss Nelan,

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.-St. Louis pers

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL

J. M. Waters.

St. Louis—G O. Carpenter, C. B. Mc and Mrs. McDonald, Manhattan; G. T reund, Winsonia; M. C. Hardick, Hotel W. Elliots, Hoffman; B. L. Swarts, V. M. Hough and Mrs. Hough, Waldorf; anleis and Mrs. Dunleis, Marfborough; Tucknell, Broadway Central; C. Siebe lair. Kansas City-G. C. Hale, F. F. Hanley, Grand Union; H. Eywall, Astor.

THOUGHT LADY McKENZIE WAS FINE BLOODED MARE.

Boss of Santa Gertrudes Ranch Propared Stall in Stable for the Scottish Woman.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Houston, Tex., Dec. 15.-Confusion in interpreting a telegram led to a most ludirous mistake in connection with the visit of Countess Constance McKenzie to Alice The telegram came, announcing the arrival of Lady Constance McKenzie. That was al libe information contained. It was addressed to Santa Gertrudes ranch, and the bose, who is not up on titles of no-bility and not familiar with lady personages of rank in foreign countries, concluded that Lady McKenzle was a fine blooded mare that R. J. Kleberg was sending to the ranch, so he telephoned to J. B. Ragland, the livery stable man at Alice, who attends to Mrs. King's interest, that Lady McKenzie would come in Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Crouch will on the night train, and that as she was a high-bred animal and very valuable, he would be expected to take special care of her until she could be forwarded to the King ranch.

Ragiand prepared a special stall at the stable and notified S. P. Anderson, agent for the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway.

Mr. Ayers of the Mosser Cangrave House, received a telegram that Lady-Constance McKenzie would arrive on the night train. Mr. Ragland and Mr. Ayers met at the depot. Mr. Avers remarked: 'I am expecting a distinguished guest tonight; no less a personage than the fam-ous social lioness, Lady Constance Mo-Kenzie, heir presumptive of a Scottish

Mr. Ragland explained: "There's a big mistake made by somebody or this is a nost singular coincidence, as I am expecting a fine-blooded mare named Lady Constance McKenzie, to come in on this

well of New Orleans. The Captain has come North to see his great-nlece, Miss Edith Glover, who makes her home with the Conzelmans. very train." When Caeser Kleberg, manager at the Santa Gertrudes, learned about the stupenduous blunder it made him sick and ne left for Cuero to recover. Lady Mc-Kinzle, when told of the incident, en-Joyed a hearty laugh.

Many Applicants for Positions in

Customs Department.

Civil service examinations for positions

in the Customs Department during the

World's Fair will commence to-day. More

than 600 applications have been received,

The examinations will be conducted in

the reading-room in the basement of the

Post Office, this being the only place

where a large number of applicants can

Werber, Mr., and Mrs. B. J. Rain, Mr. Bert Werber, Miss Nell O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. Naustadt and Mr. Edward Taylor. Mrs. D. W. Wear of Delmar boulevard **EXAMINATIONS BEGIN TO-DAY.** departed last week for Sedalla, to be the

guest of relatives for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Statler have returned to their apartments at Hotel Beers after a visit to Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. John D. C. Clark of Russell avenue gave a dinner last evening in honor of her guest. Mrs. A. C. Ward of Chicago. Those present were: Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Bayer Mrs. Whatton, Mrs. L. V. Seunders, Mrs. B. J. Rain, Mrs. R. E. Lee and the Misses Smith of Chicago.

VISITORS AT ST. LOUIS HOTELS

-Ben Asher of Houston, Tex., is on the guest -J. W. Jack of Kansas City is at the New St. James. -John D. Oglesby of Fort Smith, Ark., is egistered at the Southern -Miles S. Gilbert of Cairo, Ill., is a guest -J. D. Diminick of Birmingham, Ala., is a -E. E. Thompson of Fyon, Mo., is on the guest list at the Laclede.

E. Hogan of Newborne, Mo., is among nests at the New St. James. -C. F. Wood of Kansas City is a guest at -S. B. Ross and J. H. McCarty of Little Rock, Ark., have rooms at the Southern. -W. B. Lewis of Eldorado Springs, Me., is registered at the Laciedo. -R. W. Laffin of Kansas City, is on the -Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gordon of Springfield, -O. W. Foreman of Pittsfield, Ill., is regis-tered at the Lindell. -Lee Wood of Shannon, Tex., is a guest at the St. Nicholas. -R. Johnson of Frankfort, Mo. is registered at the Lindell. -M. F. Young of St. Joseph, Mo., is regis--M. F. Jackson of Quincy, Ill., is a guest at the Madison.

It will take five days to finish the examination. More than one hundred will take the examination every day. There are between 150 and 200 positions to fill. Many of these positions will be permanent. The examination will be conducted by Colonel J. O. Churchill, T. W. Mabrey and

A F. Shriner, All are officers or members -Mrs. G. W. Jameson of Clinton, Ill., is of the Civil Service Board of Customs. John J. Miller of the Customs Department in Chicago has been transferred to St. Louis. He arrived yesterday, Mr. Miller will have charge of the clerical force which will be stationed at the World's Fair grounds,

> TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY IN ST. LOUIS.

From The Republic, Dec. 17, 1878. • public a description of his inven-. tion, the incandescent electric light. the secrets of which had been care-· fully guarded. funeral of George K. McGun-

o negle took place from No. 1627 6 Chestnut street and Christ Church Cathedral. The pallbearers were David Risley, Samuel ♦ Judge John S. Crum, James E. Yeatman, James E. Way, E. J. Glasgow, Charles Miller, John F. Darby, G. B. Allen, Judge Treat, George Knapp, General A. J. Sm John Knapp, Silas Bent, Edward Brooks and H. W. Leffingwell.

Captain F. R. Baby and Georg J. Forrest of the Missouri Pacific A committee of the Woman's Ald and Hospital Association, composed of A. Robbins, Mrs. M. J. Buckminster, A. V. Schofield and W. C. Falconer, met at the institution, No. 1005 Howard street, and outlined plans for the new year. Margaret Murray of No. 6 South

wagon and seriously hurt. The Young People's Literary Soclety of the First M. E. Church · South, gave an entertainment, in which those who took part were R. D. Sutton, Julius Miller, Miss Wandell and Miss Phillips, E S. Baldwin, C. M. W. Randall. ♦ George F. Duffy, Mrs. Florence ♦ Wandell and Miss May Leather-

Samuel Goalby, a well-known citie zen of East St. Louis, died. James C. McGinnis filed suit con testing the election of Henry D. Laughlin as Judge of the Court of

Criminal Correction.

Charles E. Hitchcock and Charles W. Shepherd, formerly of the Southern Hotel, went to Washing ton to accept positions at Wil-

· lard's

The Reverend W. H. Milburn,
blind minister, lectured at the
Methodist Church, Eighth street
and Washington, on "What a Blind